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For: <i>Detecting Genetic Predisposition to Sight-Threatening Diabetic Retinopathy</i>	Attorney Docket No.: MSA-008.01

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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time, from October 27, 2001 up to and including January 27, 2002, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for filing a response to the Final Office Action dated July 27, 2001 in the above-identified application.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$460.00 for this extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge and underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448.

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